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1. Soviet military supplies which arrived at South Station, Canton, on the Canton-Hankow Railroad were secretly moved in five trucks to White Cloud Airfield on the night of 3-4 April 1950. These supplies, in 100 large cases, included Soviet bazookas and cannon which were tested on the eastern outskirts of Canton by Soviet gunners on 9 and 10 April 1950.
2. In early April 1950 about twenty Soviet technicians and more than thirty Soviet gunners arrived in Canton by train. The soldiers were equipped with Soviet Thompson submachine guns. The technicians had 45 large cases, measuring 12 by 4 feet, which contained parts of 20 airplanes. The cases were taken directly to T'ienho Airfield.
3. White Cloud Airfield is closely guarded by one regiment of Chinese Communist troops, who keep pedestrians at a distance. Three hundred workers are building hangars, in addition to another group of laborers who are engaged in the construction of special protected hangars under the supervision of Soviet engineers. The airfield has six anti-aircraft guns.
4. The repairs on T'ienho Airfield have been completed, but more than a hundred workers are still employed on hangar construction, believed to be of a special type. The airfield is closely guarded by one battalion of Chinese Communist troops, and has four anti-aircraft guns on the south and three on the north.
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